



Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2022

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The **Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2022** was the 20th edition of the annual [Junior Eurovision Song Contest](#). The contest took place in [Yerevan, Armenia](#) on 11 December 2022, following the country's victory at the [2021 contest](#) with the song "[Qami Qami](#)" by [Maléna](#).^[1] Organised by the [European Broadcasting Union](#) (EBU) and host broadcaster [Public Television Company of Armenia](#) (AMPTV), the contest was held at the [Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concerts Complex](#). This was the second time that Armenia hosted the Junior Eurovision Song Contest, the first being in [2011](#).^[2]

Sixteen countries participated in the contest. The [United Kingdom](#) returned after a sixteen-year absence,^[3] while [Azerbaijan](#), [Bulgaria](#), [Germany](#) and [Russia](#) did not take part, with the latter's broadcasters having been indefinitely suspended from the EBU due to the [Russian invasion of Ukraine](#).^[4]

[France](#)'s Lissandro was the winner of the contest with the song "Oh maman!". This was France's second victory in the contest, having last won in [2020](#). Host country [Armenia](#), [Georgia](#), [Ireland](#) and the [United Kingdom](#) completed the top five, with this being the highest placement for Ireland to date. [Portugal](#) also achieved their highest placement, finishing eighth. Meanwhile, [Kazakhstan](#) achieved their lowest placing to date.

Location [\[edit\]](#)



Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concerts Complex, host venue of the

The contest took place at the [Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concerts Complex](#) in [Yerevan](#), the capital and largest city of Armenia.^{[5][6]} The venue previously hosted the [2011 contest](#).^[7] It was also the third consecutive time the

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Spin the Magic



Dates

Final	11 December 2022
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Host

Venue	Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concerts Complex , Yerevan , Armenia
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Presenter(s)	Iveta Mukuchyan Garik Papoyan Karina Ignatyan Robin the Robot
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Directed by	Marcin Migalski Tomasz Motyl
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Executive supervisor	Martin Österdahl
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Executive producer	David Tserunyan
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Host broadcaster	Public Television Company of Armenia (AMPTV)
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Website	junioreurovision.tv/event/yerevan-2022
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Participants

Number of entries	16
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Debuting countries	None
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Returning countries	United Kingdom
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2022 contest.

contest is held in a capital city.^[8] The budget for the event was 75 billion (€11.9 million), of which 72.3 billion came from the Armenian government's emergency fund.^[9]

Bidding phase and host city selection ^[edit]

Armenia's hosting had been confirmed by the EBU on 21 December 2021, following their win at the [2021 contest](#) two days before.^[10] Originally, unlike in the [Eurovision Song Contest](#), the winning country did not receive the automatic rights to host the next contest. However, since [2019](#), each contest has been hosted by the previous year's winning country. The venue was revealed on 17 February 2022 during a cabinet meeting of the Armenian government, where Prime Minister [Nikol Pashinyan](#) made the announcement. Pashinyan also mentioned that the government had allocated funds to the venue to prepare for the event.^[5] It was already reported earlier in that week that Yerevan would be the host city.^[11]

Participating countries ^[edit]

On 26 September 2022, the EBU announced that 16 countries would participate in the contest.^[4] After a 16-year hiatus, the [United Kingdom](#) returned to the contest, with the [British Broadcasting Corporation](#) (BBC)^[3] replacing [ITV](#), who previously organised the country's participation in the contest between 2003 and 2005. [Azerbaijan](#), [Bulgaria](#), [Germany](#) and [Russia](#) did not return after having participated in 2021, with the latter's broadcasters having been indefinitely suspended from the EBU.

Prior to the contest, a digital compilation album featuring all the songs from the 2022 contest was put together by the European Broadcasting Union and released by [Universal Music](#) on 30 November 2022.^[12]

Non-
returning
countries

Azerbaijan

Bulgaria

Germany

Russia

Participation map



Participating countries

Countries that participated in the past but not in 2022

Vote

Voting system

The professional jury of each country awards a set of 12, 10, 8–1 points to 10 songs. Viewers around the world vote for 3 songs, and their votes are distributed proportionally. The votes of the jury and the audience make up 50% of all votes.

Winning song

France

"Oh maman!"

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Participants of the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2022^{[4][13]}

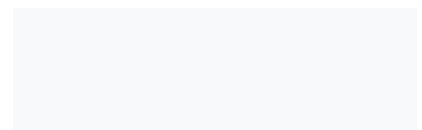
Country	Broadcaster	Artist	Song	Language	Songwriter(s)
<div><div></div><div>Albania</div></div>	RTSH	Kejtlín Gjata	"Pakëz diell"	Albanian	Kejtlín Gjata · Endri Muça
<div><div></div><div>Armenia</div></div>	AMPTV	Nare	"Dance!"	Armenian, English	Nick Egibyan · Grigor Kyokchyan

 France	France Télévisions	Lissandro	"Oh maman!"	French ^[a]	Frédéric Château · Barbara Pravi
 Georgia	GPB	Mariam Bigvava	"I Believe"	Georgian, English	Beni Kdagidze · Iru Khechanovi · Giorgi Kukhianidze
 Ireland	TG4	Sophie Lennon	"Solas"	Irish	Hannah Featherstone · Jonas Gladnikoff · Matthew "MaJiKer" Ker · Ken McHugh · Niall Mooney
 Italy	RAI	Chanel Dilecta	"Bla Bla Bla"	Italian, English	Marco Iardella · Fabrizio Palaferri · Angela Senatore · Carmine Spera
 Kazakhstan	KA	David Charlin	"Jer-Ana (Mother Earth)" (Жер-Ана)	Kazakh, English	Jordan Arakelyan · Serzhan Bakhitzhan · Khamit Shangaliyev
 Malta	PBS	Gaia Gambuzza	"Diamonds in the Skies"	English	Matthew James Borg
 Netherlands	AVROTROS	Luna	"La festa"	Dutch, English ^[b]	Robert Dorn
 North Macedonia	MRT	Lara feat. Jovan and Irina	"Životot e pred mene" (Животот е пред мене)	Macedonian, English	Darko Dimitrov · Lara Trpčeska · Jovan Trpčeski · Simon Trpčeski
 Poland	TVP	Laura	"To the Moon"	Polish, English	Jakub Krupski · Monika Wydrzyńska
 Portugal	RTP	Nicolas Alves	"Anos 70"	Portuguese ^[c]	Agir · Carolina Deslandes
 Serbia	RTS	Katarina Savić	"Svet bez granica" (Свет без граница)	Serbian	Ivana Dragičević
 Spain	RTVE	Carlos Higes	"Señorita"	Spanish, English	Carlos Higes Torres ^[d] · Michael James Down · Primož Pogljajen · Will Taylor
 Ukraine	UA:PBC	Zlata Dziunka	"Nezlamna (Unbreakable)" (Незламна)	Ukrainian, English	Zlata Dziunka · Illaria
 United Kingdom	BBC	Freya Skye	"Lose My Head"	English	Deepend · Jack Hawitt · Amber van Day

Production ^[edit]

Visual design ^[edit]

















The reveal of the contest's theme art had been delayed due to the [September clashes](#) between Armenia and Azerbaijan. In a press release, AMPTV stated that "preparations for the contest are ongoing, and according to the schedule, it was



no longer possible to change the deadlines", while expressing hope that the contest will be held in peaceful conditions.^[14] The theme art and slogan for the contest, "Spin the Magic", was later revealed on 26 September 2022. The artwork features an Armenian-styled [spinning top](#) as the main motif.^[15]

Postcards ^[edit]

Contestants were featured in "postcard" video introductions, set in different locations across Armenia. Each began with a short clip of the upcoming performer using the Armenian-style spinning top on a particular piece of structure. Following that, a stream of light in the colours of the upcoming country's flag emanated from the structure and traveled to the Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concerts Complex, signalling the start of the upcoming performance.^[16]

-  [Netherlands](#) – [Zvartnots Cathedral](#)
-  [Poland](#) – [Yerevan 2800th Anniversary Park](#)
-  [Kazakhstan](#) – [Republic Square](#)
-  [Malta](#) – East entrance of the [Republic Square metro station](#)
-  [Italy](#) – [Temple of Garni](#)
-  [France](#) – [Mother Armenia](#)
-  [Albania](#) – One of the oldest houses near [Hanrapetutyan Street](#), Yerevan
-  [Georgia](#) – 50th Anniversary Monument to [Soviet Armenia](#)
-  [Ireland](#) – A fountain in [Republic Square](#)
-  [North Macedonia](#) – The [Matenadaran](#)
-  [Spain](#) – [Cafesjian Center for the Arts](#)
-  [United Kingdom](#) – Monument to [David of Sassoun](#)
-  [Portugal](#) – [Yerevan Opera House](#)
-  [Serbia](#) – A fountain in the Yerevan 2800th Anniversary Park
-  [Armenia](#) – [Geghard Monastery](#)
-  [Ukraine](#) – [Yerevan Botanical Garden](#)

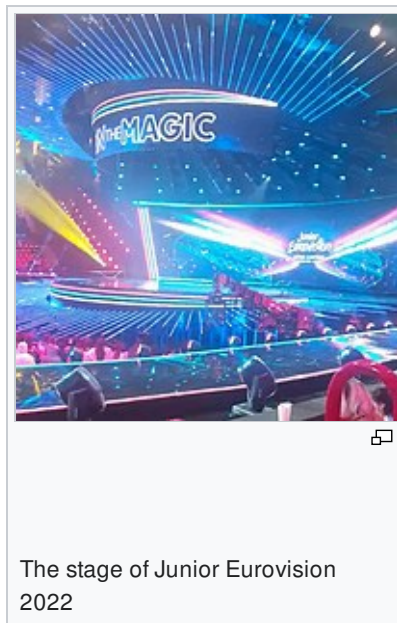
Presenters ^[edit]

[Iveta Mukuchyan](#), [Garik Papoyan](#) and [Karina Ignatyan](#) were the presenters of the show. Ignatyan was the Armenian entrant in the [Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2019](#), and Mukuchyan was the Armenian entrant in the [Eurovision Song Contest 2016](#). The hosts were revealed on 18 November.^[17] Robin the Robot, a robot with artificial emotions developed by Armenian IT company Expper Technologies, was revealed as the guest presenter on 1 December.^{[18][19]}

Contest overview ^[edit]

The event took place on 11 December 2022 at 18:00 [AMT](#) (16:00 CET).^{[8][20]} Sixteen countries participated, with the running order published on 5 December 2022.^[21] All the countries competing were eligible to vote with the jury vote, as well as participating and non-participating countries under an aggregated international online vote, eligible to vote.^[22] France won with 203 points, also winning the jury vote.^[23] Armenia came second with 180 points, with Georgia, Ireland, and the United Kingdom, who won the online vote, completing the top five. Albania, Serbia, North Macedonia, Kazakhstan, and Malta occupied the bottom five positions.

The opening of the show featured the traditional flag parade, with all participants performing the common song "Spin









the Magic".^[24] During the interval, [Maléna](#) performed her new single "Can't Feel Anything", followed by [Rosa Linn](#) performing "[Snap](#)", with which she [represented Armenia](#) in the [Eurovision Song Contest 2022](#).^[25] Closing the interval, ten previous Junior Eurovision winners performed their winning songs, for the occasion of the 20th edition of the event, alongside Maléna: [Bzikebi](#) (2008), [Ralf Mackenbach](#) (2009), [Vladimir Arzumanyan](#) (2010), [Candy](#) (2011), [Gaia Cauchi](#) (2013), [Vincenzo Cantiello](#) (2014), [Destiny Chukunyere](#) (2015), [Mariam Mamadashvili](#) (2016), [Viki Gabor](#) (2019), and [Valentina](#) (2020). The other eight winning songs were performed by the [Tavush Diocese Children's Choir](#).^[26]

As the event began, the United Kingdom's Freya Skye was unable to sing live for the rehearsal that was filmed before the voting opened due to medical reasons, and playback was used.^[27] The issue continued into the jury show, where footage from the first rehearsal was used as a replacement.^[28] During the jury show, camera and in-ear device issues were reported for Serbia's Katarina Savić, who was allowed to perform again after the scheduled final performance of Ukraine's Zlata Dziunka.^{[29][30]} On the day of the contest, Savić did not perform live due to medical issues, and footage from her jury show performance was used instead.^[31]

R/O	Country	Artist	Song	Points	Place ^[e]
1	 Netherlands	Luna	"La festa"	128	7
2	 Poland	Laura	"To the Moon"	95	10
3	 Kazakhstan	David Charlin	"Jer-Ana (Mother Earth)"	47	15
4	 Malta	Gaia Gambuzza	"Diamonds in the Skies"	43	16
5	 Italy	Chanel Dilecta	"Bla Bla Bla"	95	11
6	 France	Lissandro	"Oh maman!"	203	1
7	 Albania	Kejtlín Gjata	"Pakëz diell"	94	12
8	 Georgia	Mariam Bigvava	"I Believe"	161	3
9	 Ireland	Sophie Lennon	"Solas"	150	4
10	 North Macedonia	Lara ^{feat.} Jovan and Irina	"Životot e pred mene"	54	14
11	 Spain	Carlos Higes	"Señorita"	137	6
12	 United Kingdom	Freya Skye	"Lose My Head"	146	5
13	 Portugal	Nicolas Alves	"Anos 70"	121	8
14	 Serbia ^[f]	Katarina Savić	"Svet bez granica"	92	13
15	 Armenia	Nare	"Dance!"	180	2
16	 Ukraine	Zlata Dziunka	"Nezlamna (Unbreakable)"	111	9

Spokespersons ^[edit]

The 12 points from the juries were announced live by a spokesperson from each country. Countries that did not provide their own spokesperson had their 12 points announced by a former winner or participant.^[32]^[*additional citation(s) needed*]



-  [Netherlands](#) – [Ralf Mackenbach](#)
-  [Poland](#) – [Viki Gabor](#)
-  [Kazakhstan](#) – [Hallash](#)
-  [Malta](#) – [Gaia Cauchi](#)
-  [Italy](#) – [Vincenzo Cantiello](#)
-  [France](#) – [Valentina](#)

7.  Albania – Mariam Gvaladze
8.  Georgia – Niko Kajaia
9.  Ireland – Holly Lennon
10.  North Macedonia – Mariam Mamadashvili
11.  Spain – Juan Diego Álvarez
12.  United Kingdom – Tabitha Joy
13.  Portugal – Emily Alves
14.  Serbia – Petar Aničić
15.  Armenia – Maléna
16.  Ukraine – Mykola Oliinyk

Detailed voting results [\[edit\]](#)

Split results						
Place	Combined		Jury		Online vote	
	Country	Points	Country	Points	Country	Points
1	 France	203	 France	132	 United Kingdom	80
2	 Armenia	180	 Georgia	114	 Spain	78
3	 Georgia	161	 Armenia	110	 France	71
4	 Ireland	150	 Ireland	88	 Armenia	70
5	 United Kingdom	146	 United Kingdom	66	 Netherlands	
6	 Spain	137	 Spain	59	 Portugal	
7	 Netherlands	128	 Netherlands	58	 Ukraine	64
8	 Portugal	121	 Albania	51	 Ireland	62
9	 Ukraine	111	 Portugal	51	 Italy	53
10	 Poland	95	 Ukraine	47	 Poland	
11	 Italy	95	 Poland	42	 Serbia	51
12	 Albania	94	 Italy	42	 Georgia	47
13	 Serbia	92	 Serbia	41	 Albania	43
14	 North Macedonia	54	 North Macedonia	12	 Kazakhstan	42
15	 Kazakhstan	47	 Malta	10	 North Macedonia	
16	 Malta	43	 Kazakhstan	5	 Malta	33

Detailed voting results

Voting procedure used:					Jury vote																		
					Total	Jury	On	Net	Pol	Kaz	Ma	Ital	Fra	Alb	Ge	Irel	Nor	Spa	Uni	Por	Ser	Arn	UKr
	100% jury vote																						
	100% online vote																						
		Total																					
	Netherlands	128	58	70			3	8		3	7		4	3	8	7		6	6	3			
	Poland	95	42	53	2			5	5		8		3	4	2				7	6			
	Kazakhstan	47	5	42					4	1													
	Malta	43	10	33							1				5				3	1			
	Italy	95	42	53			4	2		2	12	12					6	3	1				

Co	France	203	132	71	12	5	8		12		10	10	12	10	6	10	12	10	10	5
	Albania	94	51	43		6	6	7	3	8		4	7			4	1	5		
	Georgia	161	114	47	8	12	7	6	10	5	2		2	8	10	5	10	7	12	10
	Ireland	150	88	62	7	10		12	6	10		2		7	3	6	4	12	2	7
	North Macedonia	54	12	42	1								5					4		2
	Spain	137	59	78	3	1	2	10	1	4	4	1	1	5		12	2	1	8	4
	United Kingdom	146	66	80	6	3	1	1	8	7	6	8		2	4		3		5	12
	Portugal	121	51	70	4	4	5		7	6		7		6	7	1			4	
	Serbia	92	41	51	10	8			2			3	8	1	1	3	5			
	Armenia	180	110	70	5	2	12	4		12	5	5	10	12	12	8	7	8		8
	Ukraine	111	47	64		7	10	3			3	6	6			2	8	2		

Below is a summary of all 12 points received from each country's professional juries.

12 points awarded by juries




#	Recipient	Countries giving 12 points
4	 Armenia	 France,  Kazakhstan,  North Macedonia,  Spain
	 France	 Ireland,  Italy,  Netherlands,  Portugal
2	 Georgia	 Armenia,  Poland
	 Ireland	 Malta,  Serbia
	 Italy	 Albania,  Georgia
1	 Spain	 United Kingdom
	 United Kingdom	 Ukraine

Other countries [[edit](#)]

Further information: *List of countries in the Junior Eurovision Song Contest*

For a country to be eligible for potential participation in the Junior Eurovision Song Contest, it needs to be an active member of the EBU.^[33]

Active EBU members [[edit](#)]

-  **Azerbaijan** – In January 2022, Eldar Rasulov, a member of Azerbaijani delegation, stated that the country must participate regardless where the contest is held in response to rumours that they would withdraw due to the upcoming contest being held in Armenia.^[34] However, the country ultimately did not appear on the final list of participants.^[4]
-  **Germany** – In August 2022, German broadcaster **NDR** confirmed that they will not be participating in 2022 due to a "creative break" and partial travel warnings for Armenia issued by the **Federal Foreign Office**. NDR and **KiKa** would, however, still broadcast the contest, with a view of returning in 2023.^[35]
-  **Slovenia** – In May 2022, Slovenian broadcaster **RTVSLO** initially stated that it was considering a return to the contest.^[36] However, the country did not end up participating.^[37] Slovenia last participated in **2015**.

Active EBU member broadcasters in **Australia**,^[38] **Austria**,^[39] **Cyprus**,^[40] **Czech Republic**,^[41] **Denmark**,^[42] **Estonia**,^[43] **Finland**,^[44] **Greece**,^[45] **Iceland**,^[46] **Israel**,^[47] **Latvia**,^[42] **Lithuania**,^[48] **Moldova**,^[42] **Montenegro**,^[49] **Norway**,^[39] **Romania**,^[50] **San Marino**,^[51] **Sweden**^[52] and **Wales**^[53] (which would still participate as part of the United Kingdom)

also confirmed non-participation prior to the announcement of the participants list by the EBU.

Non-EBU members [edit]

- Russia** – Despite having initially confirmed their participation on 13 February 2022,^[54] all EBU members from Russia announced their withdrawal from the union on 26 February, in response to their exclusion from the **Eurovision Song Contest 2022** due to the **Russian invasion of Ukraine**.^{[55][56]} On 26 May, the EBU made effective the suspension of its Russian members, causing Russia to indefinitely lose broadcasting and participation rights for future Eurovision events, including Junior Eurovision.^{[57][58]} The Russian selection process for the 2022 contest was therefore cancelled, with the Russian broadcasters instead devising an alternative competition similar in format to Junior Eurovision, titled *Nashe pokoleniye* (English: Our Generation), which was scheduled to be held in spring 2023.^{[59][60][61][62]} However, *Nashe pokoleniye* has yet to be held.

Broadcasts [edit]

Broadcasts in participating countries

Country	Channel(s)	Commentator(s)	Ref.
 Albania	RTSH, RTSH Muzikë, Radio Tirana 1	Andri Xhahu	[63]
 Armenia	AMPTV	Hamlet Arakelyan ^[hy] and Hrachuhi Utmazyan ^[hy]	[64]
 France	France 2	Stéphane Bern and Carla Lazzari	[65]
 Georgia	First Channel	Nika Lobladze	[66][67]
 Ireland	TG4	Sinéad Ní Uallacháin	[68]
 Italy	Rai 1	Mario Acampa ^[it] , Francesca Fialdini, Rosanna Vaudetti and Gigliola Cinquetti	[69][70][71]
 Kazakhstan	Khabar TV	Kaldybek Zhaisanbai and Mahabbat Esen	[72]
 Malta	TVM	No commentary	
 Netherlands	NPO 3, NPO Zapp	Bart Arens and Matheu Hinzen	[73][74][75]
 North Macedonia	MRT 1	Eli Tanaskovska	[76]
 Poland	TVP1, TVP Polonia, TVP ABC	Aleksander Sikora ^[pl]	[77][78]
 Portugal	RTP1, RTP Internacional	Nuno Galopim and Iolanda Ferreira	[79][80]
 Serbia	RTS 2, RTS Svet	Kristina Radenković ^[sr]	[81][82]
 Spain	La 1, TVE Internacional, TVE 4K ^[es]	Tony Aguilar and Julia Varela	[83][84]
 Ukraine	Suspilne Kultura	Timur Miroshnychenko	[85]
 United Kingdom	BBC One, CBBC	Lauren Layfield and Hrvy	[3]

Broadcasters and commentators in non-participating countries

Country	Broadcaster(s)	Commentator(s)	Ref.
 Germany	KiKa	Constantin Zöller	[35][86]

Viewing figures [edit]

According to the EBU, 33 million people watched the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2022, with a viewing share of 12.8% across 13 measured markets.^[87] Armenia had record high viewing figures for the contest, seeing 4 in 10 Armenians tune in to watch the contest. Other countries also saw their viewership increase; the Netherlands received 40% more viewers than in 2021, and Italy saw 100 times more viewers than in 2021. Poland delivered the biggest audience for the fourth year in a row. For the following countries, viewership information is known:

Estimated viewership by country

Country	Viewership	Ref(s)
 France	1,110,000	^[88]
 Germany	170,000	^[89]
 Ireland	15,300	^[89]
 Italy	1,523,000	^[89]
 Netherlands	279,000	^[89]
 Poland	2,100,000	^[89]
 Portugal	319,400	^[89]
 Serbia	32,503	^[89]
 Spain	1,183,150	^[89]
 United Kingdom	5,200,000 ^[9]	^[87]

See also [edit]

- Eurovision Song Contest 2022
- Eurovision Young Musicians 2022

Notes and references [edit]

Notes [edit]

- ↑ Contains a repeated phrase in English
- ↑ Contains three repeated words in Italian
- ↑ Specifically Brazilian Portuguese.
- ↑ Despite Carlos Higes' involvement in writing "Señorita", he was not credited on the album or the live broadcast.
- ↑ Two songs tied for 10th highest score with 95 points, but the official scoreboard ^[1] ranks Poland as 10th and Italy as 11th. This is consistent with the tie-breaking rule that the song that received points from the most countries ranks higher in the case of a tie.
- ↑ Due to medical reasons related to their representative Katarina Savić, Serbia competed using footage from their jury show performance, recorded on 10 December.^[31]
- ↑ Viewers who watched for at least one minute, average not known

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